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DEAD LETTER OFFICE?

The Main Canada Post office on Georgia Street in downtown Vancouver on Tuesday. Speculation is brewing about the future of the massive post-war building, which was sold in January. Tonight, the Heritage Vancouver Society is hosting a public dialogue on the possible fate of the iconic building. Story, page 3. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ERIC DREGER

AG's carbon report delayed for leak probe

'Premature disclosure.' John Doyle's audit of the Liberals' carbon-neutral initiative has been highly anticipated

A possible breach of Parliament prompted the Speaker of the British Columbia legislature to put a highly anticipated report from the auditor general on hold.

On Tuesday, a statement from the Speaker said John Doyle's report on the government's ongoing carbon-neutral initiative would not be released as planned.

"Concerns have been raised in relation to the premature disclosure of the auditor general's carbon report," said the statement. "Since a breach of Parliament may have occurred, the report will not be distributed until the Speaker has concluded his discussions with the auditor general."

Doyle issued a written statement after the report was put on hold.

"It is with disappointment that I must speak on this matter, rather than the content of the report," he stated.

"However, in light of discussions surrounding 'premature disclosure,' I feel I must take the unusual step of clarifying the process by which my independent audits are reported."

Doyle said that he is required to share draft reports with the relevant ministries before they are transmitted to the Speaker.

His office has a long-standing practice of providing briefings to ministers, deputy ministers, representatives of some all-party committees and other "potentially interested Members of the Legislative Assembly," he said.

The Speaker received the report on March 22, and Doyle said he was hopeful it will be released soon.

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Post building's fate up in air

Post-war landmark. Heritage Vancouver hosting a panel on the future of the 1958 Canada Post building that was sold in Jan.

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The Heritage Vancouver Society isn't content to just mail in their thoughts on the fate of the Canada Post building in downtown Vancouver.

The distinctive post-war building, sitting on an entire city block on West Georgia Street since 1958, was sold Jan. 25 to British Columbia Investment Management Corp.

Since the sale, there has been a lot of speculation regarding the future of the building and some debate about its heritage value.

Heritage Vancouver hopes to focus some of the conversation with an open-ended public panel Wednesday night with development consultant Philip Boname and distinguished architects Patricia Bourque and Bruno Freschi.

"The idea of the community dialogue is to bring together significant thinkers and people who are concerned about the future of the site," said Heritage Vancouver vice-president Stewart Burgess. "It's conceivable it could be completely torn down. Yet it's one of the last major structures downtown of that era and prominence."

Burgess believes the fate of the building could help redefine what the city sees fit to protect under its heritage registry, a process which he says has seen few changes since 1986.

"It's out of date," he said. "(The post office sale) has definitely opened a larger discussion about post-war architecture, where there's no protection for the building though it can have significant heritage value."

Shortly after the building's sale, Coun. Kerry Jang went on the record with his hope that the building's façade would be preserved in whatever form the development takes, but the city hasn't taken a formal stance.

Aside from its façade, Burgess says the building itself is a prime example of post-war construction and design.

It even contains a few quirky secrets, like a giant tunnel that links the building to Vancouver's waterfront (the tunnel has been sealed for some time).

Comments on potential uses for the site, its heritage value and the desire for public access gathered at the event will be sent on to the City of Vancouver, Heritage Vancouver says.

The event is sold out.

The future of the Canada Post office in downtown Vancouver has been a hot-button issue since it was sold to British Columbia Investment Management Corporation in January. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Humane society ad stirs up controversy

The Vancouver Humane Society's new bus ads.
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The Vancouver Humane Society wants you to think about puppies before you put pork on your fork.

New advertisements gracing the back of city buses place a picture of Fido labelled "friend" beside one of Wilbur labelled "food" to point out the inconsistencies in peoples' attitudes toward animals, spokesman Peter Fricker said Tuesday.

"We're certainly moving to putting out a stronger message about switching to a plant-based diet because we think that's the most compassionate food choice people can make," Fricker said.

With the ads, the society expands its farm-animal-welfare advocacy beyond its traditional push for people to eat certified organic eggs. It doesn't expect people to become vegetarian overnight, but hopes it will inspire people to eat less meat.

Despite a Reddit thread that mocks the ads as a suggestion to eat dogs, Fricker said the $6,000 campaign has garnered predominantly positive response and that those in opposition rarely present thoughtful comments.

"Nobody argues in any detailed, rational way — they just make bacon jokes," he said.

A similar campaign by a TV host and university professor got a lot of buzz when it hit Toronto subways in 2009. The ads, featuring fluffy kittens, chicks, pup, piglets and cows, asked transit users "Why love one but eat the other?"

The Be Vegetarian campaign got so much attention that it raised enough cash to run one thousand of the ads at once in fall 2011, according to organizers.

The Vancouver ads launched just one week after a Co-op grocery store in beef-loving Calgary made headlines when it voted to phase out the sale of pork and chickens raised in tightly confined spaces.

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Smart cars hog city parking space: Resident

Car2Go. Man started complaining to the city in 2011 when he first noticed bulk storage of car-share cars near his home

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Ric Caley pays for a residential parking permit every year so he can park close to his Mount Pleasant apartment.

But prime spaces have become a hot commodity ever since Car2Go — one of a trio of popular car-sharing co-operatives in Vancouver — started lining his street with a small fleet of Smart cars.

Caley said he started complaining to the city in 2011 when he first noticed the daily storage of five Smart cars on Quebec Street near 8th Avenue, but was told Car2Go "had permits and could park their cars anywhere they wanted to."

The City of Vancouver, in support of its greenest city plans, adopted a policy that gives approved car-sharing co-operatives unlimited access to residential permit spaces for an annual fee of $64.76 per vehicle, according to a staff report from January 2010, when the policy was adopted.

"Facilitating the use of car-sharing vehicles in (residential permit parking) areas has the potential to decrease the demand for street parking as residents are provided with an alternative to owning (and needing to park) their own vehicle," the report reads.

But Caley, who lives and works in Vancouver, said he isn't convinced of the benefits.

"What good is the green policy if they are displacing permanent residents who live and work in the city, who pay taxes and pay for permits to park?" he said.

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A line of Car2Go Smart cars parked at Vancouver's 8th Avenue and Quebec Street, Tuesday. RIC CALEY/CONTRIBUTED

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Finance ministers meet. Harmonize film tax credits, B.C. urges Ontario

Hoping to end The Hunger Games-like competition among provinces seeking movie productions, British Columbia is pleading with Ontario to harmonize its film tax credits to save both provinces a bundle.

"Calling these things 'tax credits' is a bit misleading.... They are subsidized incentives," B.C. Finance Minister Mike de Jong told the Toronto Star on Tuesday.

"They're playing the taxpayers off one against the other," de Jong said after a meeting with Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa in Toronto.

"The first step is to stop being whipsawed for one another because that's just crazy."

It's expected to cost B.C. around $330 million this year to help bankroll film production in the province; the tab for Ontario's industry could ultimately be three times that when all factors are considered.

While Sousa said he had "a great session" with de Jong and confirmed the government would likely re-examine the system, nothing radical is imminent.

"I am not at this point looking at changing our investment tax credits for the film industry," the treasurer said at Queen's Park.

"Ontario has become very attractive for the film industry because of the investment tax credits we've provided."

Sousa is tabling his budget as finance minister next month.

But with roughly a third of the minority Liberal government's seats in Toronto, home to the lion's share of Ontario film production, it would be politically imprudent to reduce tax credits.

Since being elected in 2003, the Liberals have continually enriched tax credits to match or undercut other jurisdictions, such as Quebec and numerous American states.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Suspects sought

Mounties warn of fake 'Taliban gold'

Mounties in B.C. are looking for three suspects selling fake "Taliban" gold under the ruse that it was smuggled out of Iraq and previously owned by Osama bin Laden.

Police say a 50-year-old Kamloops man was tricked out of $760 when he bought three gold necklaces and four gold rings in a fast-food parking lot Friday.

Officers say the man was told the gold was smuggled from the Middle East, melted down and refashioned into jewelry, but he later found the rings and chains were worthless on having them appraised.

Sgt. Grant Learned says three similar suspects targeted a 59-year-old man and his wife later the same day in a grocery store parking lot, forcefully making the couple try on gold necklaces.

The couple said they weren't interested, but later realized a $500 real gold chain the man had been wearing was replaced with a fake gold chain during the exchange.

Learned says two men and one woman were driving a newer, black Ford Focus with Manitoba plates and are wanted for theft.

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Church fires shock, unite community

Castlegar. One facility was badly damaged, while a van was set ablaze in the parking lot of another

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Parishioners came to Castlegar's St. Rita's Catholic Church in droves on Tuesday after it was gutted in a suspected arson on Monday night.

Father David John saw the looks on their faces.

"They're looking at the place where they were baptized or their kids were baptized, or they were married, or for some of the older ones it's, 'I remember building this.' ... All those memories you can see in their faces," he said.

St. Rita's was the second church emergency that fire crews responded to shortly before midnight on Monday.

About 25 minutes earlier, a fire was reported at the Kinnaird Park Community Church, and crews discovered a van owned by the Red Cross burning in the church parking lot.

The church itself suffered no damage.

Cpl. Dan Moskaluk of the RCMP said motivations for a potential arsonist are unclear.

"It's not a common thing to see a specific group targeted. We have to look at what the connections are, why these two locations," Moskaluk said.

The police are appealing to any witnesses who might have seen something Monday night to come forward.

For now, John will be leading his congregation out of the church hall, which is still intact.

He has lived in Castlegar for only six months, but said he was touched by the community's response.

He said all sorts of people are coming out to offer support and other churches have also been ready to help.

"People are seeing this as not just a Catholic thing, but an assault on the community."

The view from inside St. Rita's Catholic Church, which was destroyed by a suspected arson on Monday night. COURTESY OF CASTLEGAR RCMP

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LRB. Mill workers laid off 14 years ago must get severance: Ruling

The United Steelworkers union has to pay $800,000 to 62 of its own members who were laid off from a Port Moody sawmill more than 14 years ago, the B.C. Labour Relations Board has decided.

The LRB found that the union had entered into a settlement agreement with International Forest Products (Interfor) but failed to obtain group severance pay for unionized workers when they were laid off from the Flavelle sawmill.

Sawmill operations were suspended in 1998 and the mill was sold in 1999, leaving 212 employees out of work. Some were rehired after the mill was upgraded and reopened in 2000.

The union made extensive efforts to obtain severance pay for the workers but failed in its attempts.

More than 80 mill workers retained lawyers to take their case to the LRB to recover 12 weeks of group severance pay.

They alleged the union breached the Labour Relations Code by agreeing with Interfor not to pursue court action against the company, thereby not protecting the rights of the mill workers to pursue their group severance claim.

LRB vice-chair Richard Longpre has ruled that 62 employees are entitled to the group termination benefit, plus interest owing since 2008, when the LRB application was filed.

Allan McDonell, one of the lawyers representing the laid-off workers, estimated about $800,000 will be split between them.

"We've got to calculate interest," he added.

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Dhak. Gangster arrested for breaching bail conditions

Drugs, guns and cash were among the illicit items found by police at the home of longtime Dhak gangster Ryan Gregory Milliard after his arrest for breaching bail conditions last week.

Milliard, 29, was living in New Westminster despite bail conditions that required him to live in Surrey when B.C.'s Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit arrested him on March 20. Police discovered several ounces of cocaine, marijuana, two loaded semi-automatic pistols and about $120,000 when they searched the home in the 800 block of Carnarvon.

"This arrest will have a significant impact on the Dhak crime group and will assist greatly in the disruption of their ongoing criminal activity, which began with the arrests in the Jonathan Bacon murder," spokesman Sgt. Lindsey Houghton said in a statement.

Jujhar Khun Khun, Jason McBride and Mike Jones were arrested in February after an investigation into Bacon's murder in Kelowna two years ago.

Milliard faces several drug and weapons charges. He is scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Not seen for five years

RCMP search for missing B.C. woman

Fading memories and long distances could complicate the search for a Kelowna woman who hasn't been seen for five years. RCMP hope someone can help them track down 34-year-old Andria Lucille Meise, who was last seen by a family member in Grand Prairie, Alta., in 2008.

Investigators believe Meise moved to Calgary that year. They say she lived a high-risk lifestyle in Kelowna until 2006, when she moved to Fort St. John, but except for the sighting in Grande Prairie two years later, she has not been seen since. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man who punched bus driver gets 60 days in jail

Breach.
Del Louie had been sentenced to house arrest but breached conditions

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The man convicted of a vicious assault on a Metro Vancouver bus driver has been given 60 days in jail for breaching the terms of his conditional sentence.

Del Louie, who got 18 months of house arrest last year for the attack on Charles Dixon, was back in court on Tuesday after police learned he was out past his curfew.

Crown counsel Louise Gauld told the court that Louie also breached the order that he complete his 200 hours of community service by now — he has finished only 104 hours.

She urged Judge Karen Walker to terminate the conditional sentence, noting it was Louie's third breach of court-ordered conditions.

But Louie's lawyer said his client has remained clean and sober and has a job.

In the end, Walker decided to add 53 days of jail time to the seven days Louie has already served in custody.

Louie told the court he was disappointed in himself, considering "that I worked extremely hard to get where I am today."

His lawyer said Louie has been stressed since his mother died of a Valium overdose several months ago.

"I'm extremely disappointed you breached my trust and the trust of the community," Walker told Louie. But she granted Louie's application to extend the deadline to complete his community service until Aug. 30.

Dixon, who attended the proceedings with his union president, said he was happy with the additional jail time for his attacker.

"I'm actually quite pleased," he said outside court. "I will always be linked to Del Louie. One sucker punch to my face changed my life forever.

"I'm glad to see he has made some progress," he added.

The court has heard that Louie is an aboriginal offender who suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome.

Bus driver Charles Dixon suffered a concussion and brain injury in the attack by Del Louie in February 2011. He now wears padded boxing headgear to protect his head while working. ERIC DREGER/FOR METRO

Creston RCMP. IIO finds possible wrongdoing

For the first time in its existence, the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) has passed a report to Crown counsel with findings of possible wrongdoing by B.C. police officers.

Chief civilian director Richard Rosenthal submitted his report to Crown counsel on Tuesday, and it is now the Crown's decision whether or not to pursue charges.

The incident in question occurred on Oct. 6, 2012, in Creston. Creston RCMP responded to a complaint from a local business and an altercation with an adult male ensued.

The man suffered serious facial injuries and was transported to a medical facility.

The IIO determined the man's injuries constituted serious harm, and asserted jurisdiction in the investigation.

According to the IIO's website, the agency has closed the books on six other police incidents resulting in death or serious harm since its inception in 2012, none of which resulted in charges against officers.

LIAM BRITTEN/FOR METRO

Clean-energy incentives

Rebate extended for green cars and charging stations

The B.C. government has extended its clean-energy-vehicle incentive program for another year. Environment Minister Terry Lake made the announcement Tuesday at the Vancouver International Auto Show.

Lake says more recharging stations are opening around the province and he's confident interest in electric, hybrid-electric or compressed-natural-gas vehicles will pick up. He says drivers may receive up to $5,000 off the pre-tax cost of a clean-energy car. The $500 rebate for home electric-charging points will also continue for another year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver secondary school hosts urban farm

Volunteers help break ground at the new urban farm at Vancouver Technical Secondary School on Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED

First of its kind. Forget Tater Tots for lunch — students will pick fresh greens from the yard

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By next fall, Vancouver Technical Secondary School students will be able to eat fresh kale, arugula and turnips harvested from the school's field.

The Eastside high school is the first in the country to host a commercial urban farm on school-board property, Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society director Ilana Labow said, as she and a team of student volunteers broke ground on the garden on Tuesday. While her society has helped with school gardens before, this is the first larger scale farm.

It's an idea so appetizing to other schools that Labow has already had calls from across North America asking how to replicate Roots' agreement with the school board.

"More and more teachers are really keen on using gardens as outdoor learning classrooms," Labow said, pointing to reductions in bullying, unique ways to engage students in subjects like biology and learning about healthier food choices.

Roots provides the labour — crucial for when school is out — education for teachers and fresh food for the cafeteria. By selling what it grows on the land, the nonprofit expects to make enough to cover operational costs, Labow said.

The agreement was three years in the making and succeeded because of Roots's educational mandate: an urban farm that does not rely on student labour and the push from the school's teachers. Four local schools are on the waiting list for farms, and David Thompson Secondary School is set to start one later this spring.

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Audit. B.C. not meeting the needs of vulnerable children: Watchdog

British Columbia's children's watchdog has found that only a small fraction of the care plans created for some of the province's most vulnerable children meet ministry guidelines.

Independent children's representative Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond said Tuesday she is calling on the Liberal government to make key changes to improve care plans for those children.

Turpel-Lafond released a 122-page audit, called Much More than Paperwork, that examined 100 randomly chosen files on children in government care.

The audit found that only five per cent of the audited plans met the Ministry of Children and Family Development's own standards, she said.

The representative said much of the audit found scattered and ineffective plans for the children, while very few met government guidelines.

"The results of this audit are not encouraging," Turpel-Lafond said at a news conference in Victoria. "In fact, they are not acceptable."

She said detailed plans for children should include properly matching and organizing the vulnerable child's home, school, health, cultural and social needs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Care deficit

95%

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond said her audit concluded that 95 of the 100 reviewed files did not have a plan that fully met children's ministry requirements.

Former U.S. Coast Guard deputy incident commander Capt. Scott Schaefer, who oversaw the cleanup in three states after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, speaks at a land-based-oil-spill symposium in Vancouver on Tuesday. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oil crises require unified response: U.S. expert

Oil-spill symposium. Keynote speaker praises B.C. for bringing together global experts

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A retired U.S. Coast Guard captain who oversaw cleanup efforts after the devastating 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill recounted how he struggled to manage thousands of responders in the aftermath, on day two of B.C.'s land-based-oil-spill symposium.

The conference, which wraps Wednesday, is part of Liberals' effort to develop a "world-leading" preparedness-and-response regime, one of Premier Christy Clark's five criteria for supporting any new pipelines to the coast.

Capt. Scott Schaefer, who was the deputy incident commander in charge of three out of four states impacted by the 2010 disaster, said a unified incident command system (ICS) is responders' best weapon against a spill. But sometimes, less is more.

"I had 1,100 people in my incident command post.... From a physical point of things, like feeding them, waiting in line to use the restroom — things like that were challenging," he told an audience at the Westin Bayshore, including B.C. Environment Minister Terry Lake.

Among Schaefer's other challenges was making sure all the federal agencies involved were following the same game plan.

"In Houma (La.) they had nine near-misses between aircraft because the unified command didn't know where these resources were and what they were doing, so anybody working the response should be in the incident action plan," he said.

He eventually figured out the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was conducting wildlife rescue operations according to its own plan. The situation wasn't resolved until the National Pollution Funds Center, a branch of the coast guard, threatened to cut off their pay.

After delivering the day's keynote speech, Schaefer said he was impressed with B.C. for proactively bringing in experts to talk about best practices from around the world, which Gulf Coast states have been doing annually for more than 20 years.

Averting disaster

"When it gets that big, you lose responsibilities.... You need to get it down to a manageable number."

Capt. Scott Schaefer, who was involved in the response to the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill

Judicial review. B.C. band pushing for rejection of pipeline expansion

A First Nation from British Columbia's southern Interior is taking the federal government and an oil company to court over plans to almost triple the capacity of an oil pipeline that crosses its reserve.

Documents filed in Federal Court by the Coldwater Indian Band argue the minister of Indian affairs is ready to consent to a plan that would see Kinder Morgan increase the amount of oil in the Trans Mountain pipeline near Merritt.

The band is requesting a judicial review and wants the court to set aside any approval the minister may give to the company, stating the minister has the legal obligation to act in the best interests of the band.

However, the company is standing firm, saying while it prefers to have respectful one-to-one discussions with the band, it's prepared to have issues related to its legal agreements, known as indentures, that permit the pipeline to cross the band's reserve settled in court.

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Barrel bump

Kinder Morgan wants to expand the pipeline's output from 300,000 barrels a day to 890,000 barrels per day.

Metre-high sculpture

B.C. RCMP seek Jurassic justice in dino heist

Metal theft may be going the way of the dinosaur on Vancouver Island, but that's not necessarily a good thing.

RCMP in Oceanside say someone has stolen a metal sculpture of a dinosaur from a home in Nanoose Bay, about 25 kilometres north of Nanaimo. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Not as advertised

Sewage plant a surprise to couple

Justine Semmens describes her new house in Vic West-Esquimalt as "a dream come true," but the looming possibility of a sewage facility across the street is turning it into a nightmare.

Semmens and her husband had been house-hunting for two years when they settled on a home on Hereward Road last month. They took possession on March 15. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

NDP win could change fiscal direction: DBRS

The country's largest credit agency has confirmed British Columbia's credit rating at AA high, but the bond-rating agency cautions the upcoming provincial election could mean a change in fiscal direction.

The Dominion Bond Rating Service issued a report Tuesday confirming the long- and short-term debt rating, saying all trends are stable, despite weak economic output.

But DBRS said that it was considering recent opinion polls that suggest the New Democrats have the best chance of forming the next government.

"While (the agency) is encouraged by the responsive measures taken in the February budget to restore fiscal balance," the statement said, "the upcoming provincial election ... has the potential to delay or cancel the implementation of some of the ... budgetary measures.

"(The agency) believes this could result in a change in fiscal direction," said the report.

B.C. Finance Minister Mike de Jong called the report a vote of confidence for the Liberal government over its handling of provincial finances. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Amanda Knox in 2011 after hearing the verdict that overturned her murder conviction. PIER PAOLO CITO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Italy orders retrial for Knox and ex-boyfriend

Protracted murder case. Couple were convicted and later acquitted in slashing of roommate

Italy's highest criminal court ordered a whole new trial for Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend on Tuesday, overturning their acquittals in the gruesome slaying of her British roommate.

Knox, now a 25-year-old University of Washington student in Seattle, called the decision "painful" but said she knows she will be exonerated.

The American left Italy a free woman after her 2011 acquittal — but only after serving nearly four years of a 26-year prison sentence from a lower court that convicted her of murdering Meredith Kercher. The 21-year-old British exchange student's body was found in November 2007 in a rented house the two shared in the Italian town of Perugia. Her throat had been slit.

Raffaele Sollecito, Knox's Italian boyfriend at the time, was also convicted, sentenced and later acquitted.

It could be months before a date is set for a fresh trial for Knox and Sollecito.

Italian law cannot compel Knox to return for the new trial and one of her lawyers, Carlo Dalla Vedova, said she had no plans to do so.

It was a tough blow for the former exchange student, whose parents have had to mortgage both their homes to pay for her lengthy defence.

Prosecutors alleged that Kercher was the victim of a drug-fuelled sex game gone awry. Knox and Sollecito denied wrongdoing and said they weren't in the apartment that night, although they acknowledged they had smoked marijuana and their memories were clouded.

An Ivory Coast man, Rudy Guede, was convicted of the Kercher slaying in a separate proceeding and is serving a 16-year sentence.

Whether Knox ever returns to Italy to serve more prison time depends on a string of ifs and unknowns.

Whether Italy actually requests extradition will be a political decision made by a future Italian government.

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Prepared statement

Knox reacts

Knox said it was "painful to receive the news," after the trial showed the prosecution case was "unfounded and unfair."

"My family and I will face this continuing legal battle as we always have, confident in the truth and with our heads held high in the face of ... unreasonable adversity," the 25-year-old said in a statement Tuesday.

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Coming to America

Romanian prosecutors break up trafficking ring

Romanian anti-crime prosecutors have searched tourism agencies in the south of the country on suspicion they are a front for trafficking of Romanians into the U.S. and Canada, through Mexico.

Prosecutors said migrants initially travelled to Mexico and then paid $8,000 to be taken across the border to the U.S., while others illegally travelled to Canada.

Prosecutors Tuesday searched eight tourism agencies and 13 homes in the city of Craiova. They said three men ran the ring, which netted more than $1 million.

Some 600 people travelled to Mexico and of those, 300 were discovered in the U.S., prosecutors said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland

Trial opens for men accused of stealing van with coffins

Three men have gone on trial in western Poland suspected of stealing a van in Germany that contained 12 sealed coffins.

The men were arrested in Poland in October and the coffins — still containing bodies — were found soon afterward in the woods near the western Polish city of Konin. The thieves had apparently dumped the coffins after they realized they had unwittingly stolen a van that was on its way to a crematorium.

The men who went on trial in Poznan on Tuesday could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted. Two more men are wanted over the theft. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curfews in Myanmar as clashes spread

Religious tensions. Unrest sparked last week in the central city of Meikhtila

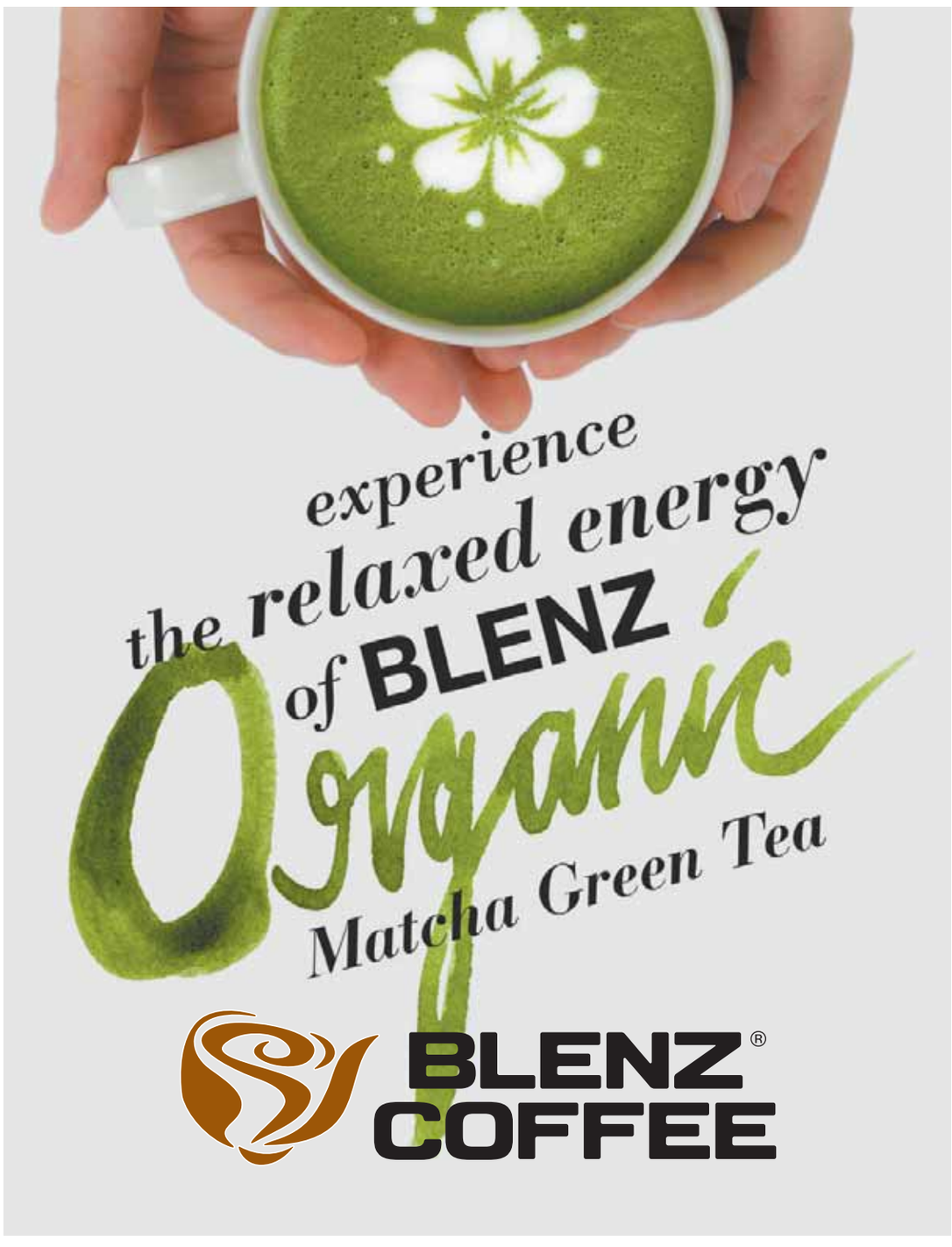
Myanmar Muslims in Malaysia protest against the Meikhtila unrest, Monday. LAI SENG SIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Authorities in Myanmar imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in three townships on Tuesday after anti-Muslim religious violence touched new parts of the country, edging closer to the main city of Yangon.

State television reported incidents in the three townships all within 150 kilometres of Yangon. The latest attack Monday night was in Gyobingauk, where it said "troublemakers" damaged a religious building, shops and some houses. The report said similar attacks occurred Sunday night. Official reports use the term "religious buildings" in an apparent attempt to dampen passion, though in most cases the targets were reportedly mosques.

The announcement said an emergency law would be applied in the three townships which will ban public assemblies, marches and speeches, and impose a curfew.

The unrest between Muslims and Buddhists began with rioting a week ago in Meikhtila. It is reported that at least 40 people have died there. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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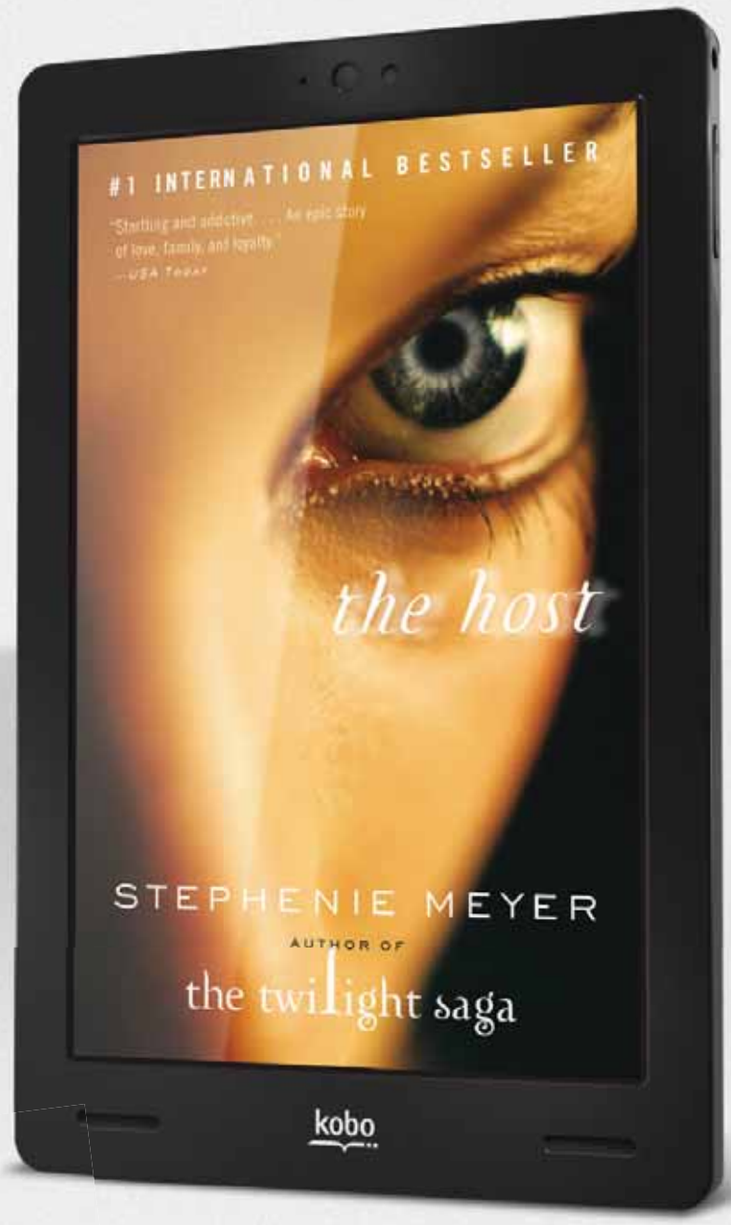

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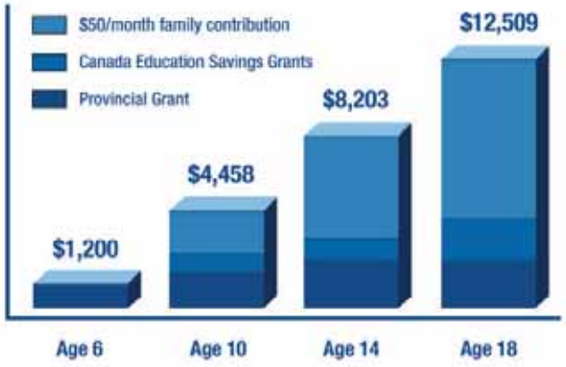

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Harry in the U.S. Prince will keep his clothes on this time: N.J. governor

Gov. Chris Christie says no one will be getting naked when Prince Harry visits New Jersey in May.

A listener asked Christie on a radio call-in show Monday if there are any plans to make sure the prince behaves.

Christie says he'll be with Harry the entire time and that Queen Elizabeth II knows she can trust her grandson with the governor of New Jersey.

On his last U.S. visit, the third in line to the British throne was caught frolicking in the nude with a woman in Las Vegas after an alleged game of strip billiards. The governor says lots of young people make mistakes.

Christie, speaking on TownSquare Media's Ask the Governor program, says he's thrilled the prince wants to see the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy and be helpful.

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Prince Harry is returning to the U.S., but this time he's skipping Las Vegas.
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Investigation

Judge Judy's son impeding child-rape case: Sheriff

A suburban district attorney who is the son of TV's Judge Judy is being accused of interfering in a child-rape case in which the suspect is his personal trainer.

Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy has recused himself. But the local sheriff says Levy is still trying to influence, and perhaps undermine, the investigation.

Levy says he has acted properly and the sheriff's allegations are unfounded.

The two politicians have also argued over whether the suspect lived with Levy and whether Levy's recusal was his own idea.

Levy's mother, Judy Sheindlin of Judge Judy, says the investigation should focus on the rape case.

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London calling for some warmer weather

Icicles hang from a statue in Trafalgar Square, central London, in the midst of chilly conditions on Tuesday. The cold weather is predicted to continue in the coming days, with freezing temperatures and high winds hitting many regions of Britain. ANDREW MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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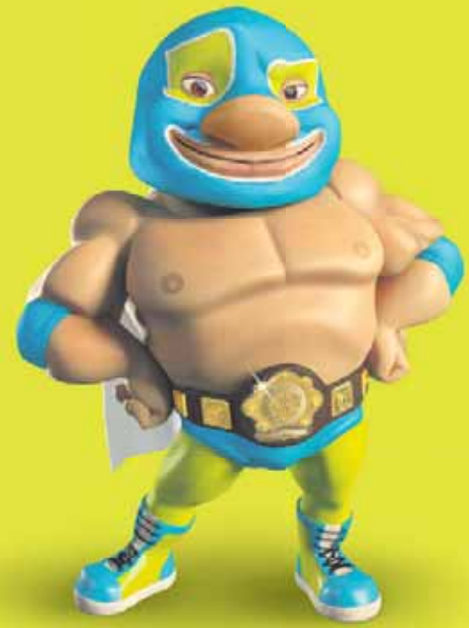

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Regulator ups capital buffer on 6 biggest banks

Too big to fail. Move aims to limit the chance a major bank 'would encounter distress or failure,' says OSFI head

The federal financial supervisor has slapped a too-big-to-fail label on Canada's six largest banks, declaring they will need to carry a bigger capital buffer and be subjected to stricter supervision than their smaller peers.

The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions said Tuesday that the "systemically important" designation stems from a framework issued by the Basel committee on banking oversight in October that set out guidelines for assessing domestic financial institutions.

Under the new OSFI requirement, the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, National Bank of Canada, Royal Bank of Canada and Toronto-Dominion Bank will be subject to an additional one per cent capital buffer for risk.

The banks will need to have a common equity tier 1 ratio of eight per cent as compared with seven per cent for smaller, less important financial institutions as of Jan. 1, 2016.

"The measures ... are designed to limit the likelihood that a major bank would encounter distress or failure that could negatively impact the Canadian economy or taxpayers," OSFI head Julie Dickson said in a news release.

Coincidentally, the Bank of Canada announced it would regulate SwapClear, the dominant global system for centrally clearing over-the-counter interest rate swaps operated from the United Kingdom.

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When studying really pays off

Nick d'Aloisio, 17, displays his mobile application Summly in London on Tuesday. He has become one of Britain's youngest Internet entrepreneurs after selling the app to search giant Yahoo. D'Aloisio, who dreamed up the idea for the content-shortening program when he was studying for his exams, said he was surprised by the deal. As with its other recent acquisitions, Yahoo didn't disclose how much it is paying for Summly, although British newspapers put the deal's value at several million dollars. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Say Yes to the Dress

Kleinfeld Bridal coming to T.O. Hudson's Bay

Canadian brides could soon be crying and gushing as they say "yes" to the dress because retailer Kleinfeld Bridal is setting up shop in Toronto. Hudson's Bay said it will have exclusive rights to the brand in Canada, and plans to open a Kleinfeld salon in its Queen Street location. Kleinfeld is featured on the TLC show Say Yes to the Dress. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Mortgages. BMO to end special low interest rate

Bank of Montreal will end a controversial low mortgage rate at the end of this week, when the limited-time offer runs out. The bank says the posted rate for a fixed five-year mortgage will return to 3.09 per cent, where it was before being lowered to 2.99 per cent.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty had called Bank of Montreal to express his disapproval of its decision to offer the special low rate starting on March 4. The minister also praised other banks when they didn't follow Bank of Montreal's lead, and had one of his officials make a call when Manulife later announced a rate cut. Manulife decided a day later to reverse its cut, but BMO kept its offer in place.

The official date for the BMO change is Friday, but Canadian banks will be closed that day for the Good Friday holiday.

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WHEN YOU CAN'T BEAR PANDA HYPE

JUST SAYIN'

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I'm not sure what it is about giant pandas.

Most of the time, they just sit there. The rest of the time they eat bamboo. Repeat.

But this week, two giant pandas are the toast of Toronto, and therefore the rest of Canada. China has loaned two of the rare bears to Canada: five years in Toronto, and then five in Calgary, and they landed at Toronto's Pearson Airport Monday, via FedEx.

Stephen Harper, who looks a little panda-esque himself, signed for the bears.

The rest of us will have to travel to Toronto or Calgary if we want to watch Er Shun (the girl panda) and Da Mao (the boy) just sit there and eat bamboo.

Of course, the other important panda viewing activity is watching them have sex. There are only between 1,500 and 3,000 of these bears left in the world, so whenever a pair overcomes the performance anxiety that goes with being a spectacle of international co-operation and produces a cub or cubs, there is much rejoicing.

There's even a form of pornography dedicated to encouraging pandas to get it on. It doesn't really work.

So Er Shun and Da Mao travelled 15 hours in a box to live in a zoo and get gawked at. Not a tantalizing prospect if you prefer the seclusion and serenity of the mountain forests of your natural habitat in Sichuan, China. But when you're on the Red List of Threatened Species, I suppose you should feel grateful you can still earn your bamboo by just sitting there, looking awfully cute.

So cute that Toronto hopes millions of people will line up to watch Er Shun and Da Mao just sit there, plus buy the inevitable panda spinoffs.

Of course, not everyone is enchanted by the pandamonium, especially those who think we should close all the zoos and set the animals free into the wild.

Where, I might add, it is more than likely they will be systematically poached, climate changed, overrun — and run over — into oblivion.

Any visit to a zoo these days is a depressing experience, not just because zoos are depressing places (spend some time watching morose gorillas behind glass: uplifting), but because there is literally no survival alternative for a vast array of species on display.

Zoos are, really, the last safe places for many animals. But only the cute ones — like pandas — or the interesting ones — like gorillas.

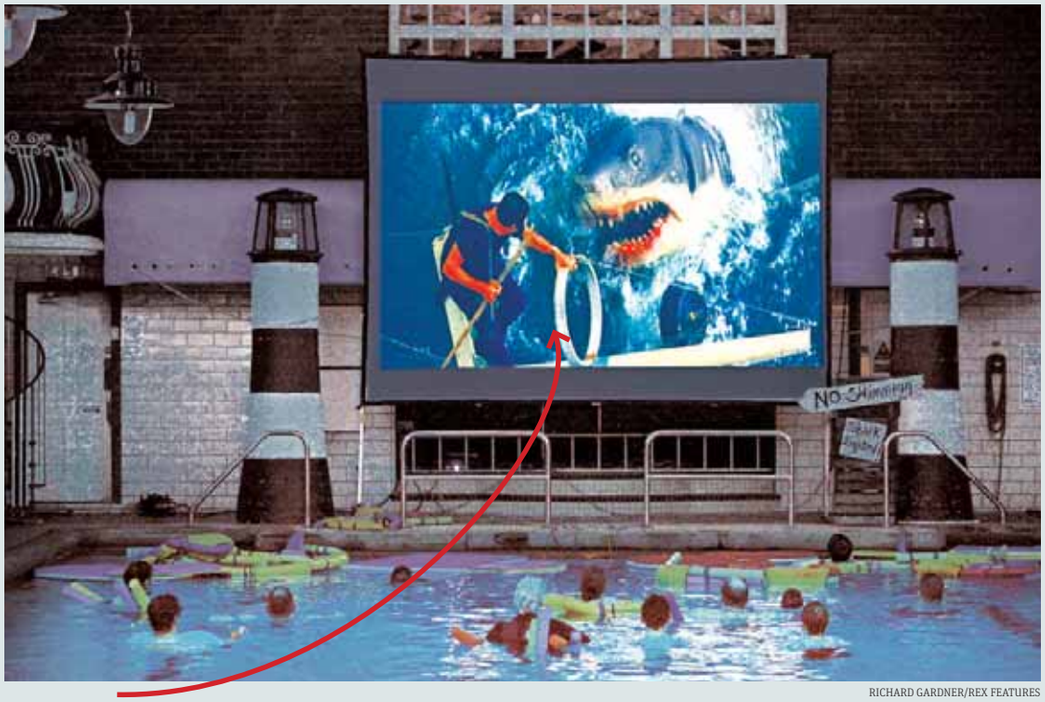
Ugly or nondescript critters just go quietly extinct without a fuss even from animal rights advocates, who have a tendency to champion the poster pandas and leave the wart hogs to fend for themselves.

If you don't believe me, I leave you with a simple number, more eloquent than I will ever be: 200.

That's the number of species, according to the UN, that are gone everyday.

ZOOM

Stop watching and start paddling



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Ever see a shark attack in a pool?

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water ... there's a shark attack on your screen. A swimming pool in Leeds, England, has been transformed into a swim-along cinema.

The temporary set up at Bramley Baths featured a large projector screen and speakers streaming the audio both under and over the water.

For Jane Earnshaw, cinema organizer and festival director of I Love West Leeds Festival, coming up with the idea of a swim-along cinema was simple.

"In the past, our festival organized pop-up cinemas in parks and housing estates," she told Metro. "I wanted to have one in a local swimming pool and I thought to myself, 'What is the most iconic water movie?' There was only one answer and it was Jaws. It was an absolute cinch." METRO WORLD NEWS

Feel like swimming?

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swimmers took part in the event. Another 25 visitors flanked the pool's balconies to watch Jaws. Previous quirky events at the venue have included a floating orchestra and an underwater art exhibition.

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If sending a tweet is like tossing a pebble into the ocean, then these folks who re-purpose them are the heroes sifting through the silt in search of pebbles they can polish to a shine.

@pentametron:
Backed by an algorithm that searches for tweets in iambic pentameter, Pentametron gives tossed-off thoughts like "You have the morals of an alley cat," a role in a never-ending act about modern life.

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Comments

RE: How Twitter #Hashtags Are Invading Our Lives, IRL, published March 26

#sotrue I use hashtags online and verbally a lot. Especially to make a point or make a story more entertaining. For example I love to use #awkward, #romance and my all-time favourite #eyeroll!
Jen B posted to metronews.ca

RE: Tory Backbenchers Say They're Muzzled, published March 26

Is this new(s)?
Albert Ormiston posted to metronews.ca

RE: U.S. Bars Test Boundaries of Legal Marijuana, published March 26

I think what Vapor Central, a vapor lounge in Toronto, provides is a very successful model: No alcohol allowed. Like myself, many cannabis users do not drink or want to be around drinking and drunks.
MaryJane Cannabian posted to metronews.ca

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Max Irons and Saoirse Ronan star in The Host — an alien movie from the Twilight author. ALAN MARKFIELD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not your typical alien movie

The Host. The latest offering from the Twilight author flips the script on what has been the standard blood bath flick

IN FOCUS
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In The Host, the hotly anticipated new film written by Twilight scribe Stephenie Meyer, a parasitic alien is injected into the body of Melanie Stryder, played by Saoirse Ronan.

Sounds grim, but remember, this is from the lady who gave us sparkly vampires and undying love, so the alien inside is kind of a lovesick creature who helps the host body find her loved ones.

That's a lot more benign than other parasitic alien movies.

The most famous alien organism — in the movie Alien, naturally — literally burst on the screen, poking its horrible head through the chest of John Hurt in one of cinema's most indelibly creepy moments.

To get a natural reaction from his actors, director Ridley Scott didn't fully explain what was about to happen as they shot the scene.

"Everyone (on the crew) was wearing raincoats," said Sigourney Weaver. "We should have been a little suspicious."

When the alien came careening out of Hurt's body the actors were genuinely surprised.

Blood oozed all over the set and the shock was so intense it's alleged that Veronica Cartwright passed out and Yaphet Kotto was so freaked out he went to his room and wouldn't talk to anyone.

Much less bloody is The Puppet Masters, which sees the earth invaded by alien "slugs" that piggyback on people's backs, controlling their minds.

Based on the Robert A. Heinlein 1951 novel, the film starred Donald Sutherland, who also appeared in one of the genre's classics, Invasion of the Body Snatchers.

Scary movie

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On the unforgettable scene in Alien

The original movie of the story, taken from Jack Finney's classic novel The Body Snatchers, dates from 1956 and has been declared by the Library of Congress as "culturally, historically, or esthetically significant," but it is the Sutherland version, from 1978, that is truly chilling.

The story of alien infiltration — humans are being replaced one by one by emotionless ETs — was called "the best film of its kind ever made" by The New Yorker's Pauline Kael and a movie that "validates the entire concept of remakes," according to Variety.

The strangest movie parasite wasn't an alien, but a bug that feeds on fear.

In the Tingler, these parasites attach themselves to their host's spine and tingle when the host is frightened or scared.

In its original 1959 run it was shown with the Percepto! gimmick that gave some of the theatre seats a small electrical jolt — or tingle — during the movie's climax.

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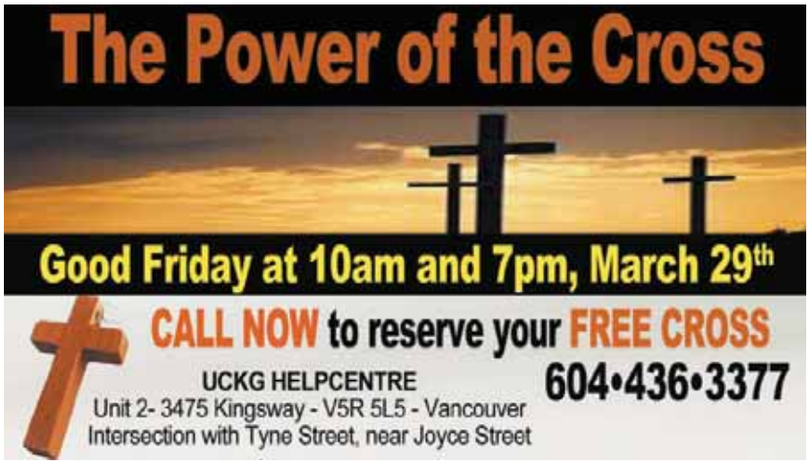
Cyrus and Hemsworth still working out their problems

Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth are reunited after his four-week visit to his native Australia, and all the speculation about their relationship status "has caused a lot of stress" for them, according to E! News.

"There are some serious problems going on, but seeing them together, they do genuinely love each other and they really do want to work it out," a source says of the ordeal.

"His trip to Australia was a way for them to figure out what they wanted to do and have time to think for themselves."

Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus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Chris Brown trying to nurse his public black eye

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Chris Brown was PR coached within an inch of his life before appearing on On Air With Ryan Seacrest yesterday.

How do we know?

The singer said everything that everyone wants him to say about his brutal assault of girlfriend Rihanna four years ago.

"I just tried my best to be the best man I could be over the years and just show her how remorseful and sorry I was for the incident and that time was probably the worst part of my life and being that she has and she's a wonderful person I'm eternally grateful and thankful," he said about trying to make amends with her and the world.

And as for the backlash that the two are back together?

"People are entitled to their opinions. I can't go around blaming. It's all about my responsibility and me growing up as a man," he said. "So I think now that I'm becoming older, and trying to mature in this life under the public eye at all times, I have to focus on doing the right thing and being more of a humble individual."

Now, if he would only act like he believes this.

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Most of downtown Amsterdam looks like one huge open-air museum and strolling its streets costs you nothing. Renting a bike is not free, but if you want to go native, it's the only way to travel. Just watch out for the traffic and tram rails.

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5 Free things to do when in Amsterdam

The canals

Amsterdam's canals are 400 years old this year, but strolling along the waterways never gets old. The scenery includes Golden Age mansions dating to the 17th century, converted warehouses and narrow buildings that sometimes look like they're ready to topple over sideways. The ring of canals starts with the Singel, which boasts a floating flower market. Then come the Herengracht, Keizersgracht and finally the Prinsengracht. Once you've worked up a thirst pounding the cobbled sidewalks, stop off for a drink in one of the "brown cafés" — small bars named for their dark wooden interiors — along the canals or in the web of narrow alleys that interconnect them. If you visit the Red Light District (and most tourists do), you'll discover that it's also built around two historic canals.

Begijnhof

The clatter of trams and ringing of bicycle bells can be an assault on the ears, but there's a hidden oasis of peace in the heart of Amsterdam if you need a little quiet time. The Begijnhof is a small grassed courtyard surrounded by beautiful 17th- and 18th-century houses that were originally built for pious Catholic single women. It's right in the middle of town and reachable by a gateway at the end of a lane leading off one of the city's busiest shopping streets, but it is almost eerily silent. The courtyard also holds a small English Reformed Church and a Catholic chapel. If you don't manage to get into the Rijksmuseum to see Rembrandt's Night Watch, right around the corner from the Begijnhof is another hidden (and free) gem of the city, the Schuttersgalerij, or Civil Guard Gallery, of the Amsterdam Museum.

Vondelpark

The city's most famous park is just a stone's throw from Museum Square and a great place for a picnic. The 116-acre park (47 hectares) has ponds, tree-lined pathways, kids' playgrounds, an open-air theatre and cafés. You can rent inline skates, but it's mainly just a great place to lay down a blanket and sit for an hour or two watching the world go by. Look out for the Picasso sculpture of a fish in one of its meadows.

Eye

One of Amsterdam's newest landmarks is a stark, white film institute, called the EYE, perched on the northern bank of the Ij waterway. While you have to pay to take in a movie, the café and its terrace are open to all who are prepared to buy a cup of coffee or light meal and offer a front-row seat to watch barges chug along the Ij against a backdrop of the city skyline. Remember that Amsterdam, at its heart, is a busy port. Getting there is another of the city's unsung pleasures — you squeeze onto a free commuter ferry usually crammed with cyclists from behind Central Station.

Markets

Amsterdam's wealth began in its port with the merchants who bought and sold everything from tulip bulbs to spices from the East Indies. A little of that mercantile past can still be seen at the city's many markets. The most famous is the Albert Cuyp food market in the Pijp neighbourhood, which sells, as the city website puts it, everything from cheese to bicycle chains, six days a week. The prettiest is the Noordermarkt, a sort of grower's market that sets up each Saturday outside the historic Noorderkerk church, next to the Prinsengracht canal. The best flea market is at Waterloo Square every day except Sunday close to the Amstel River.

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Trip tips. Don't let lost luggage ruin your travels

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A couple of years ago while travelling to attend a conference in Barcelona, the airline lost my luggage. To add to the pain, my seat mate on the plane accidentally dropped a bowl of cereal in my lap. Arriving in wet, dirty clothes with nothing to wear was a less than pleasant experience.

Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to guarantee that your luggage makes the trip but there are a few ways to minimize the risk and the potential pain.

If it's convenient to your travels, choose an airline that has a good track record in ensuring on-time arrivals of baggage. There are several websites, like dot.gov/airconsumer, which will give you the latest statistics on how major carriers perform in this area.

When booking a flight try to make it's a direct one. The more changes, the greater the chance you or your bags could miss a connection.

Remove all old luggage tags from your suitcase before you arrive at the airport.

Label the bag inside and out with your contact information. By putting an address on the inside it ensures you can be reached even if your tags get ripped off. Use a work address versus your home address so any potential thieves looking for houses to target come up empty handed.

Put important items such as medications and valuables in your carry on. You will not be reimbursed for all the items in a lost piece of luggage. Airlines have a maximum that they will pay per piece of luggage, regardless of the contents.

When it comes time to fly, don't check in late. Adhere to the schedule guidelines provided by the airlines. If you are running to make a flight so is your bag.

Don't forget to hang on to your baggage claim ticket as you will definitely need it should your bag go missing.

Lighten up Passover with simple, tasty Mandelbrot

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These Mandelbrot (biscotti) are phenomenal, not to mention very simple, by just using matzo cake meal and potato starch.

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 1/3 cups matzo cake meal
- 1/3 cup potato starch
- 3/4 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans

Chocolate drizzle

- 3 tbsp semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 tsp oil

1. Combine eggs, sugar, vanilla and oil. Add remaining ingredients (except chocolate drizzle) and mix until well combined.

2. Form into one log and place on baking sheet lined with foil and sprayed with vegetable oil. Bake at 350 F, 30 minutes.

3. Lower oven to 300 F, let cookies cool for 15 minutes, then sliced into 1-inch biscotti, lay on side, and bake another 35 minutes.

4. Drizzle: Melt chocolate and oil in microwave 2 minutes. Whisk until smooth and drizzle over biscotti.

Reader's note

Not all Passover traditions are the same, so the dishes on this page may not meet all dietary requirements or restrictions. METRO

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Find a park that fits your needs in Burnaby

Seasoned travellers will tell you one of the best ways to get to know a city is to visit its parks. If you are visiting Burnaby, you will have no trouble finding a park that fits your needs — the only trouble will be deciding which ones to pick.

Start your search with Central Park, an urban forest of colossal Douglas fir, western hemlock, poplar and maple. Located just minutes from Metrotown Mall in central Burnaby, this wooded oasis will transport you far from the hustle and bustle of city living.

If adventure on the water is more your style, head over to Burnaby Lake Regional Park, a stunning wildlife sanctuary. Created more than 12,000 years ago (the lake, not the park!), Burnaby Lake is home to a plethora of rare birds. Children of all ages will enjoy taking a canoe around the lake to get a closer look at busy beavers, diving ducks, and turtles feeding in the marsh.

After all that hard work, relax and take in gorgeous Barnet Marine Park, located on the spectacular Burrard Inlet. You can take a dip in the ocean, explore the shoreline, or, best of all, just luxuriate in the sand and soak up some sun.

Deer Lake Park is the hub of arts, culture and history in Burnaby. BURNABY TOURISM PHOTO

Located near Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Mountain Park offers views of the entire area, from downtown Vancouver to the North Shore Mountains, as well as all of Burnaby. The lush, green hillside is perfect for picnics, Frisbee throwing or kite flying. In addition, the 1,423-acre park is made up of numerous hiking trails suited for all levels of hikers. Also, be sure to visit the marvellous Rose Garden or have lunch at the acclaimed Horizons restaurant. Most spectacular of all are the tall Kamui Mintara (Playground of the Gods) sculptures. Comprised of more than a dozen carved poles by Japanese sculptors, these pieces commemorate the goodwill between Burnaby and its sister city, Kushiro, Japan.

Burnaby Mountain Park features the Kamui Mintara (Playground of the Gods) sculptures. BURNABY TOURISM PHOTO

Finally, Deer Lake Park is the hub of arts, culture and history in Burnaby. Whether you visit the Burnaby Village Museum & Carousel, the art gallery, or a concert at the outdoor concert bowl, you are sure to find something to do.

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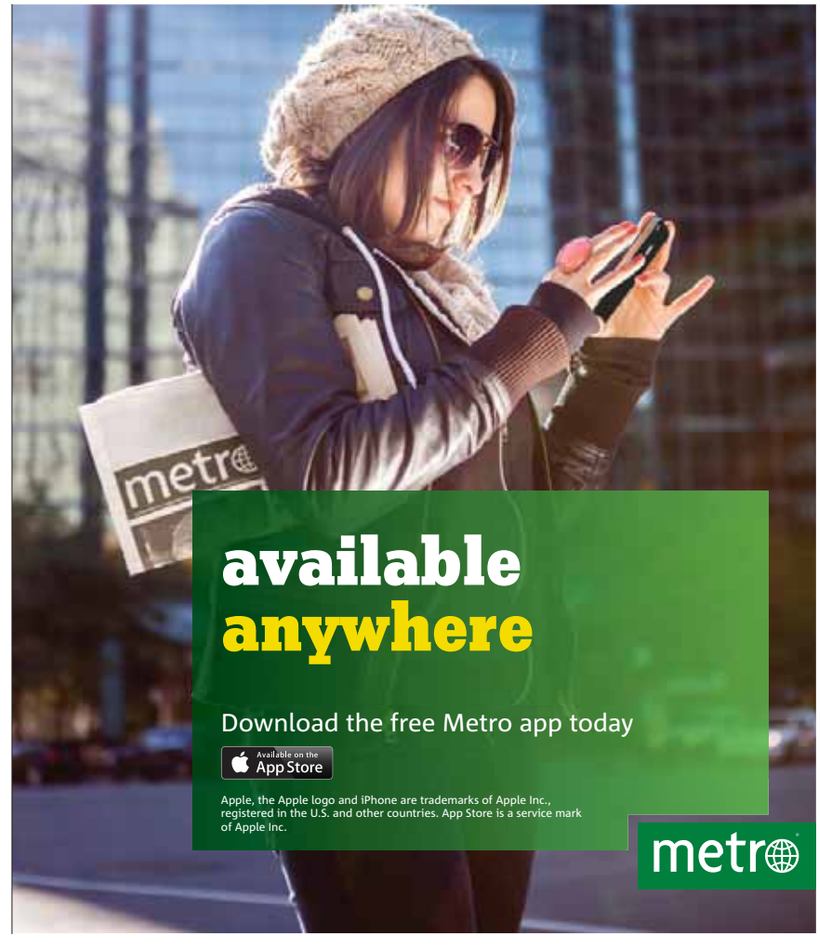
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A recruiter reminds us how to easily avoid a social media mess

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Before you post that picture of yourself doing body shots during your Cancun spring break, I would like to offer you some friendly advice on how potential employers might interpret your online behaviour.

You need to make sure that you are projecting the best possible image to future employers, in case anyone who's thinking about hiring you takes a quick second to Google your name. People will be assessing what you've posted to see if there are any photos, videos or all caps irrational ranting that raises a red flag about your judgment, awareness or intelligence.

A few common sense tips can ensure that you come across as employable:

Think before you tweet ... about how bad your job is

I've seen far too many catastrophes caused by careless tweets. We've all witnessed heat of the moment tweets about someone's failing love life and epic drinking plans (please, spare us), but I especially urge caution when it comes to social posts about your job.

It only takes one tweet along the lines of "This job is **** and everyone here is a ****" to get you fired.

The same applies if you decide to resign. Take a moment to reflect on how rejoicing publicly about your departure from your current boss, job or co-workers could appear. Perhaps your boss is in fact an evil fascist, and maybe your co-workers do give new meaning to the word psycho, but griping about work is never a good idea. Regardless of the situation, it can make you look like a whiner and/or jerk.

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Ditch the cheesy Twitter handle

- You should be showcasing the best possible image to potential employers and @lovemonkey1990 is sending all the wrong messages.
- Sticking to your name is safest, but if you choose to use a nickname, make it something that wouldn't make your Grandma blush.

Be truthful and consistent

Now that your social profiles (especially LinkedIn) are out there for anyone and everyone to see, you need to ensure you are telling a truthful, consistent story about yourself.

If your LinkedIn profile doesn't match up to your resumé, that will raise red flags and will quickly torpedo potential opportunities. Take the same care in putting together an online profile as you would your resumé.

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"With so many people looking for natural ways to manage their health today, it's worth a try to see if Iberogast will work for you — and most likely it will," says Iberogast spokesperson Garrett Sher.

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Canucks win epic defensive struggle

NHL. Cory Schneider records second shutout in last three games

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On Tuesday

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Canucks	Blue Jackets

It was never billed as a potential barnburner, but the Hockey Gods can sometimes be mysterious. Not on Tuesday.

They must have fallen asleep, as the Vancouver Canucks and Columbus Blue Jackets gave hockey aficionados heavy dosages of relentless checking, collapsing to the front of the net and shot blocking. So much shot blocking.

Eventually, someone did score to wake everyone from their slumber, and it was Max Lapierre in the shootout. The Canucks came away with a 1-0 victory over the visiting Blue Jackets at Rogers Arena.

Both goalies, Cory Schneider for the Canucks and Sergei Bobrovsky for Columbus, recorded the shutout.

The win, Vancouver's fifth in a row, improves the Canucks' record to 18-9-6 and gives them 42 points, which is good enough once again for the top spot in the Northwest Division. The surging Minnesota Wild trail by two points.

It took all 65 minutes of play and the third round of the shootout before someone finally put a puck in the back of the net.

Luckily for the Canucks, it was Lapierre who did exactly that. He scored the only goal of the night on a pretty backhand deke to the top corner.

Schneider, in turn, stopped Matt Calvert on the Blue Jackets' final attempt in the skills competition.

Schneider wasn't busy. He faced a paltry two shots in the first period and eight after 40 minutes. His night included 17 saves overall. He's started the last five games for Vancouver and has five wins, including two shutouts.

Vancouver Canucks forward Daniel Sedin protects the puck in front of Columbus Blue Jackets goalie Sergei Bobrovsky and defenceman Dalton Prout on Tuesday at Rogers Arena. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLS. Knee soreness keeps Whitecaps' Rusin out of training

Whitecaps centre back Brad Rusin
GETTY IMAGES

For the second straight day, Brad Rusin was not among the Vancouver Whitecaps starters at training, which was enough to raise eyebrows about his condition.

The 26-year-old centre back, who was thrust into a starter's role with the Achilles injury to Jay DeMerit, didn't take part in Monday's cool-down with the rest of the starters, and he was also absent for a large portion of training on Tuesday.

Head coach Martin Rennie said Rusin took a knock to his knee against the Houston Dynamo Saturday but is expected to resume training Thursday and be ready for Saturday's road match against Chivas USA.

"His knee was a little bit sore," said Rennie, adding Rusin worked out with the club's training staff earlier in Tuesday's session. "After a day off (Wednesday), he'll be fine."

Rusin was in Vancouver's 18-man squad for the season opener against Toronto. He was forced to come into the match in the eighth minute when DeMerit, the club's captain, ruptured his Achilles tendon.

Rusin has played every minute in each of Vancouver's last two games.

Adam Clement, who signed with the Whitecaps on March 13 after being selected in the 2013 supplemental draft, trained with the starters, lining up alongside veteran centre back Andy O'Brien.

The Whitecaps do have options at the centre back position, so it's unlikely Clement will make the trip to L.A.

Even with Rusin expected to play Saturday, Rennie said Alain Rochat can move to centre back if need be. The club could also use Jordan Harvey and Johnny Leveron continues to improve his match fitness.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

CFL

Lions sign trio of offensive linemen and release DB Reddick

The B.C. Lions added three players to their roster and subtracted one on Tuesday.

The Lions signed three import offensive linemen — Levi Horn, Andre Ramsey and Johan Asiata — and released defensive back Anthony Reddick, a veteran of 48 Canadian Football League games with the team.

METRO

Davis Cup tennis

Canada sticks with winning formula for clash with Italy

If it isn't broken, don't fix it.

Canada will not make any changes to its Davis Cup team, which upset the top-ranked Spanish squad in February and now prepares for its quarter-final with Italy at UBC's Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre.

Tennis Canada announced Tuesday that Frank Dancevic, Daniel Nestor, Vasek Pospisil and Milos Raonic were named to the squad.

The quarter-final against Italy goes April 5-7.

The winner advances to the Davis Cup semifinal against the winner of the tie between the U.S. and Serbia. METRO

'Best player in the world' Crosby foils Canadiens

NHL. Pens' star centre provides offence to extend win streak to 13

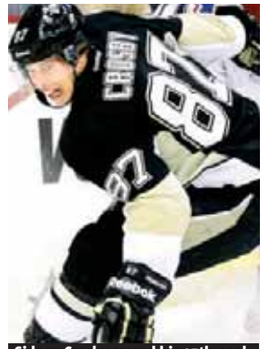
Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price saw the NHL's leading scorer bearing down on him and figured he had maybe an inch or two over his right shoulder exposed.

Thing is, an inch or two is all Sidney Crosby needs these days.

Crosby beat Price with a laser to the top corner of the net late in the second period, Marc-Andre Fleury and Tomas Vokoun teamed up to stop 37 shots, and the Penguins extended their winning streak to 13 games with a 1-0 victory on Tuesday night.

"He's the best player in the world, so we got beat tonight by the best player in the world, by the perfect shot," Montreal coach Michel Therrien said.

One Crosby delivered after a rare defensive breakdown by the Canadiens. Chris Kunitz found Crosby with a pretty cross-ice pass and Crosby did the rest. His 15th goal of the season turned out to be just enough to keep Pittsburgh's march through March going.



Sidney Crosby scored his 15th goal of the season in Tuesday's win.
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Fleury stopped all 22 shots he faced, but did not play in the third period following a collision in front of the Penguins net. Vokoun filled in and made 15 saves to give Pittsburgh just the fourth combined shutout in franchise history.

Pittsburgh coach Dan Bylsma said Fleury would "continue to be evaluated."

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March Madness

Gonzaga slayers look to Sweet 16

When the final buzzer sounded in Wichita State's upset victory over Kamloops' Kelly Olynyk and No. 1 seed Gonzaga in Salt Lake City last weekend, at the centre of the upset were Nick Wiggins of Toronto and Chadrack Lufile of Burlington, Ont.

The No. 9-seeded Shockers and their Canadian duo are back in action on Thursday in Los Angeles when they take on No. 13 seed La Salle in the NCAA tournament's Sweet 16.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	56	14	.800	—
x-New York	43	26	.623	12/.
x-Indiana	44	27	.620	12/.
x-Brooklyn	41	29	.586	15
Chicago	38	31	.551	17/.
Atlanta	39	32	.549	17/.
Boston	36	34	.514	20
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	21/.
Philadelphia	27	43	.386	29
Toronto	26	44	.371	30
Washington	26	44	.371	30
Detroit	24	48	.333	33
Cleveland	22	47	.319	33/.
Orlando	18	53	.254	38/.
Charlotte	16	54	.229	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	17	.757	—
x-Oklahoma City	52	19	.732	1/.
x-L.A. Clippers	48	22	.686	5
x-Denver	49	23	.681	5
x-Memphis	47	23	.671	6
Golden State	41	31	.569	13
Houston	39	31	.557	14
L.A. Lakers	36	35	.507	17/.
Utah	35	36	.493	18/.
Dallas	34	36	.486	19
Portland	33	37	.471	20
Minnesota	25	44	.362	27/.
New Orleans	25	46	.352	28/.
Sacramento	25	46	.352	28/.
Phoenix	23	48	.324	30/.

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division.

Tuesday's results
New York 100 Boston 85
Minnesota 105 Detroit 82
L.A. Clippers at Dallas

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.
Brooklyn at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	34	26	8	0	117	84	52
New Jersey	33	15	11	7	82	89	37
NY Rangers	32	16	13	3	78	78	35
NY Islanders	33	15	15	3	96	107	33
Philadelphia	32	13	17	2	84	99	28

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	31	21	7	3	89	66	45
Montreal	32	20	7	5	98	78	45
Ottawa	33	18	9	6	86	72	42
Toronto	34	18	13	3	102	97	39
Buffalo	33	13	16	4	87	102	30

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Winnipeg	34	18	14	2	88	99	38
Carolina	31	15	14	2	86	90	32
Washington	33	15	17	1	94	93	31
Tampa Bay	33	14	18	1	105	99	29
Florida	34	9	19	6	80	119	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	32	25	4	3	108	71	53
Detroit	33	17	11	5	90	83	39
St. Louis	32	17	13	2	92	89	36
Nashville	33	14	13	6	83	88	34
Columbus	32	13	13	6	75	85	32

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	31	19	10	2	86	75	40
Vancouver	32	17	9	6	87	85	40
Edmonton	32	12	13	7	77	91	31
Calgary	31	12	15	4	85	105	28
Colorado	31	11	16	4	79	100	26

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	32	22	6	4	104	83	48
Los Angeles	32	18	12	2	93	80	38
San Jose	31	14	11	6	76	82	34
Dallas	32	15	14	3	87	97	33
Phoenix	32	13	15	4	82	90	30

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Tuesday's results
Chicago 2 Calgary 0
Edmonton 3 St. Louis 0
N.Y. Islanders 3 Washington 2
N.Y Rangers 5 Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 1 Montreal 0
Tampa Bay 2 Buffalo 1
Toronto 3 Florida 2
Winnipeg 4 Carolina 1
Columbus at Vancouver

Monday's results
Boston 3 Toronto 2
Detroit 3 Phoenix 2
Los Angeles 5 Chicago 4
Minnesota 7 Dallas 4
Nashville 3 Edmonton 2
Ottawa 3 New Jersey 2 (SO)
San Jose 5 Anaheim 3

Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	14	39	53
Stamkos, TB	22	19	41
Kunitz, Pgh	19	22	41
St-Louis, TB	7	33	40
Kane, Chi	17	22	39
Getzlaf, Ana	12	25	37
Staal, Car	14	21	35
Kadri, Tor	14	21	35
Datsyuk, Det	11	24	35
Tavares, NYI	19	15	34
Ribeiro, Wash	10	24	34
Vanek, Buf	16	17	33
Moulson, NYI	11	22	33
Toews, Chi	16	16	32
Ladd, Wpg	14	18	32
Voracek, Pha	13	19	32
Duchene, Col	12	20	32
Zetterberg, Det	8	24	32
Ovechkin, Wash	16	15	31
Parenteau, Col	14	17	31
Neal, Phg	17	13	30
Kopitar, LA	10	20	30
Kessel, Tor	10	20	30
Semin, Car	8	22	30

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2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (290); 5.7-litre OHV V8 (370); 3.0-litre DOHC V6 turbo-diesel (240)
- **Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Base price (including destination).** $41,600

4X4

The Grand Cherokee continues with three different 4x4 systems: single-speed Quadra-Trac I; Quadra-Trac II with a two-speed transfer case (low range for severe off-roading); and Quadra-Drive II that can direct torque to a single tire instead of just front to back.

Engine

For 2014 an all-new V6 turbo-diesel comes on-stream. Although it has the same 3.0-litre displacement offered on the 2007/08 GC (that was sourced from Mercedes-Benz), the new version is built by an Italian supplier, which is understandable given Fiat's dominating control of Chrysler. Its 240 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque trump the previous 215/376 ratings.

Jeep is reinforcing its new cleaned-up turbo-diesel by labelling it the "EcoDiesel." Maintaining its clean bill of health involves the injection of a substance known as urea into a chamber just ahead of the muffler. The organic-based compound reacts with and neutralizes the engine's nitrogen oxide gasses. It then burns off the remaining soot and expels what little is left. The 30-litre urea reservoir should last for about 16,000 kilometres before requiring a $50 to $60 top-up.

Transmission

The other component added to the EcoDiesel mix is an eight-speed automatic transmission. In fact, all Grand Cherokee power plants will be connected to the new gear changer. Jeep says it provides quicker acceleration, smoother shifting and improved fuel economy. The rear-wheel-drive EcoDiesel GC is rated at 10.3 l/100 km city and 7.1 highway. By comparison, the base gasoline 3.6 earns a 12.3/7.9 rating.

Review. Is it a case of 'adapt or die,' or is it just along for a high-tech ride?

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Sport utility vehicles might be fading from the automotive landscape, but at least a couple of Chrysler's Jeep-branded models tenaciously hold firm to the go-anywhere concept.

Of course Jeep's warrior-inspired Wrangler is the group's undisputed icon, but there's certainly nothing old-fashioned about the updated Grand Cherokee that's now rolling off the assembly lines. The new 2014 model shows a freshly scrubbed face plus some major adjustments under the hood.

The current-generation GC that arrived for the 2010 model year was a hit right out of the gate with stylish looks, sure-footed suspension and a smooth-running 290-horsepower V6 engine. The 360- and 470-horsepower "Hemi" V8 options (the latter attached to the super-swift SRT model) have added considerable performance luster to the lineup, but it's the fuel-efficient V6 that has contributed the most to the GC's continuing popularity.

Opting for the EcoDiesel adds $5,000 to the $56,600 price tag of the Grand Cherokee Overland (the base 3.6 Laredo starts at $41,600). Factor in the extra cost of diesel fuel, and the EcoDiesel upgrade doesn't seem quite so tempting.

But the 3,265-kilogram tow rating matches the 5.7-litre V8's while providing a 550-kilogram advantage over the gas V6 models. And the estimated 1,170 maximum cruising range might persuade buyers to seriously consider the extra expenditure.

Returning is Jeep's available air suspension with five separate height settings, along with Selec-Terrain that allows the driver to adjust the 4x4 and height/transmission settings for sand, mud, snow, rock or sport. The latter reduces the degree of traction control, lowers the ride height and directs extra torque to the rear wheels.

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A parking meter is not just a device to pay for street parking. How a person uses or doesn't use a parking meter says a lot about them.

If you find yourself drunk and sawing the heads off parking meters, like Paul Newman's character did in the movie Cool Hand Luke, it probably says you should back off the booze a bit.

Otherwise, it might be about how much risk you're willing to take. My friend Bob and I usually take turns driving to our downtown badminton club. There's pay-enforced street parking until 9 p.m. If he drives and it's 8:45 p.m., he doesn't think twice about rolling the dice with the parking meter police.

When I'm driving, I always make sure I'm paid up until 9 p.m. I don't like gambling of any kind. So there's that, and the fact that during one bad spell I got so many parking meter-related tickets out of carelessness that I gave up.

I pay even if it's just a minute to run in for coffee. I overpay even. The parking meter people won. They beat me down like a pack of young boys in a circle trying to kill a snake in long grass, with shovels.

Another badminton mate, Robert, goes a bit out of his way to find non-metered (and free) parking. He does this not because he's cheap, but because he's principled. He can't abide the reality that he could drive his car continuously on the streets 24/7, but the second he stops on the side of the road he has to pay.

He reasons it's the same piece of pavement, as a taxpayer, that he has already paid for. He's got a point, and it got me thinking about a new use for self-driving vehicles — as drones to make sure you never have to stop for pay-enforced parking.

Nothing enrages people like that yellow parking ticket under the wipers. People fight parking tickets with the energy, vehemence and resolve usually reserved for toppling corrupt regimes. This could reveal that you have untapped reserves of chutzpah. Or that you should be chilling out a bit more ... maybe try pilates.

At this point, wanna joke about a parking ticket? No. Fine. Apparently that's an actual joke about a parking ticket.

See, even the jokes about parking tickets suck. Parking tickets are not cool.

Parking meter fun facts!

- The world's first installed parking meter was in Oklahoma City on July 16, 1935.
- In 1960, New York City hired its first crew of meter maids — all women. The first man was hired in 1967.
- Chicago has North America's highest downtown parking meter rates — $6.50 per hour.

Parking meters are seemingly banal, but oh-so telling. ISTOCK

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is no point trying to convince people who don't want to be convinced. The only way you can win over those who doubt you is by practicing what you preach.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There may be a pile of work that needs to be done but does it have to be done immediately? Of course not. Stay calm and make today a day of relaxation.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You probably don't care in the slightest that not everyone approves of your methods. That's fine, but don't antagonize people for the sake of it. Haven't you got enough problems already?

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Both career and family matters may be under heavy influences at the moment but in a matter of days you will realize there was precious little to really be worried about. A sense of humour is a must.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Travel plans may not run smoothly today and although you may take delays in your stride other people will get hot under the collar. Make things easier for yourself, and others, by not making last minute changes.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's full moon may have you behaving in irrational ways, so wait a day before making important decisions. Do something positive and try not to give yourself too much time to think.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
More than likely you will find yourself at odds with loved ones. If you get through the day with no blazing rows, you will have done very well indeed.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
With the right attitude, all things are possible. With the wrong attitude even the smallest of problems seems insurmountable. Keep that thought in mind and you will find it easier to smile and get through the day.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are acutely aware of injustice but sometimes you see injustice where it does not in fact exist. Be careful what causes you get involved in today because your emotions may be a little bit off-centre.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You know what you like and you don't care if no one else on the planet agrees. You may face considerable opposition today but in a strange way it will energize you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Why do so many people you don't like insist on getting close to you? Maybe it's because your subconscious is attracting them. Or maybe they're in the mood for a fight. Either way, there will be ructions today.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't jump to conclusions today or you could spend the rest of the week apologizing for something. It may look as if someone is behaving in anti-social ways but looks can be deceiving. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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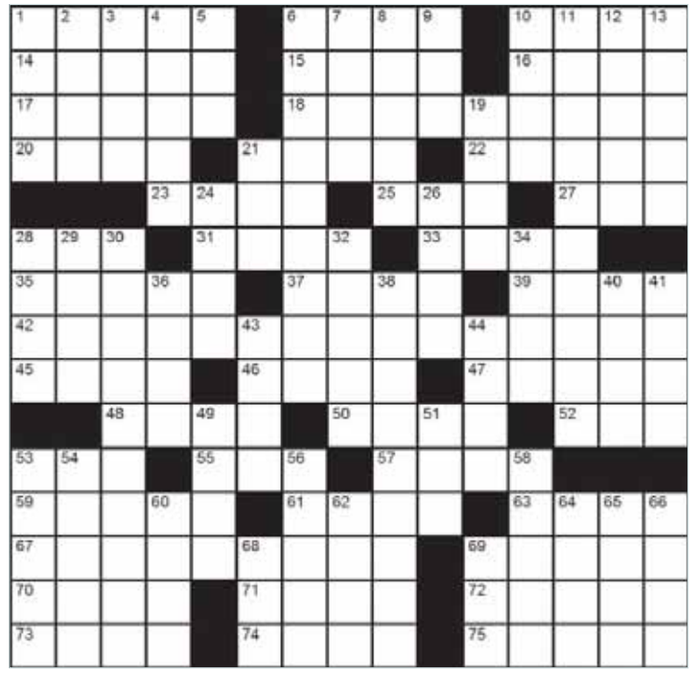
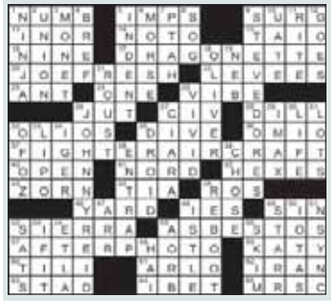


Across
1. Singer Justin, to fans
6. "__ and Michele's High School Reunion"
10. Helper, for short
14. Sarah McLachlan song
15. Bit of a classic tongue-twister, "__ Wood sawed wood."
16. "The Cosby Show" son
17. Newfoundland's __ Banks
18. NFB = National __ __
20. Riverbank deposit
21. Reply to, for short
22. Get married again
23. Mix
25. "Hotfoot it, horse!"
27. US tax bureau
28. Bawl
31. CANADA has __ _, Three As...
33. Double
35. Without the extras
37. Zap
39. NY Mets ballpark, __ Field
42. Cadbury's seasonal treats: 3 wds.
45. Actor, Dick Van __
46. Carrier of blood
47. Purport
48. Roof's rim thingy
50. Env. info
52. "Promiscuous" singer ...her initials-sharer
53. Decide
55. Hesitant sounds
57. Don Juan type
59. Rustic retreat
61. Potato chips brand
63. Does up a jacket
67. CBC series set in the Alberta foothills
69. FOX's "Glee" character
70. Rattling breathing sound
71. Border
72. Bryan Adams tune
73. Photocopies made bigger, for short
74. Celebrity chef, Paula __
75. Where actors might be: 2 wds.

Down
1. Purses
2. Crucifix inscription
3. Equal: French
4. Tendencies
5. Like the purchased house [abbr.]
6. Citation
7. Medical suffix
8. Ralph __ ("Happy Days" role)
9. "Delish!"
10. Stick _ __ in the water
11. Jean Chretien's home-town in Quebec
12. More dry
13. Namesakes of actor Mr. Bridges
19. Cauldron's content
21. __ Tin Tin
24. Musical quality
26. Any thing
28. Went too fast
29. Skin care products brand
30. Sport invented in 1891 by McGill grad James Naismith
32. Governing body of The Vatican
34. Reykjavik is its cap.
36. Virginia willow
38. Canadiens great goaltender-turned-politician: 2 wds.
40. Two-days-from-Wed. exclamation!
41. Belief systems
43. Winnebago owner, informally
44. Hosiery hue
49. Let off steam
51. Li'l hairstyles
53. Earthy pigment
54. Praiseful hymn in ancient Greece
56. "Run Runaway" band from England
58. Canadian rock producer, Bob __
60. Wraths
62. Brad's beloved, briefly
64. "Take __ __ a blessing.
65. Hardwood flooring choice
66 Show to one's table
68. Zeppelin's pal
69. Hubbub

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

7	5		2	1				
		8	5	4				2
2					9	1	5	
4		1			5		2	
	3		8		4		7	
	8		1			3		6
	9	4	6					5
1				5	8	7		
				2	1		3	9

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	6	7	3	5	2	8	4	1
4	2	8	1	6	7	9	5	3
5	1	3	4	9	8	2	6	7
8	3	6	9	1	4	5	7	2
2	4	9	5	7	6	3	1	8
1	7	5	2	8	3	4	9	6
3	5	2	6	4	1	7	8	9
7	9	1	8	2	5	6	3	4
6	8	4	7	3	9	1	2	5

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GLS model shown

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HWY: **5.3**L/100 KM
CITY: **7.1**L/100 KM

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND	OR	GET UP TO	SELLING PRICE:
$82 BI-WEEKLY	**0%†** FINANCING FOR **84** MONTHS	**$0** DOWN PAYMENT		**$1,250** IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ ON SELECT TRIMS	**$14,894♦** ACCENT 4 DR L 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

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SE with Tech. shown

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HWY: **5.3**L/100 KM
CITY: **7.8**L/100 KM

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND	OR	GET UP TO	SELLING PRICE:
$110 BI-WEEKLY	**0%†** FINANCING FOR **84** MONTHS	**$0** DOWN PAYMENT		**$2,500** IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ ON SELECT TRIMS	**$19,894♦** ELANTRA GT GL 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY, DESTINATION & $750 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ INCLUDED.

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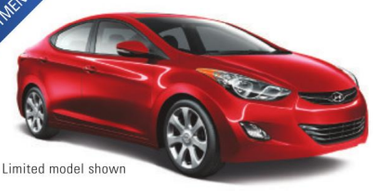

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2013 ELANTRA L

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HWY: **5.2**L/100 KM
CITY: **7.1**L/100 KM

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND	OR	GET UP TO	SELLING PRICE:
$94 BI-WEEKLY	**0%†** FINANCING FOR **84** MONTHS	**$0** DOWN PAYMENT		**$2,250** IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ ON SELECT TRIMS	**$16,944♦** ELANTRA L 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY, DESTINATION & $500 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ INCLUDED.

Limited model shown

2013 TUCSON L

HWY: **7.7**L/100 KM
CITY: **10.4**L/100 KM

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND	OR	GET UP TO	SELLING PRICE:
$124 BI-WEEKLY	**0.99%†** FINANCING FOR **84** MONTHS	**$0** DOWN PAYMENT		**$2,500** IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTSΩ ON SELECT TRIMS	**$21,759♦** TUCSON L 5-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

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